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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL TRAVEL (HEGINBOTHAM, ERLAND)

1. REFLECTING THE INTEREST IN A CLOSER ASSESSMENT OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDONESIA AND THAILAND, AS DETERMINED AT EA'S RECENT REGIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY REVIEW, ERLAND HEGINBOTHAM PLANS BRIEF WORKING VISITS TO THAILAND AND INDONESIA FOLLOWING US-ASEAN AND US-JAPAN TALKS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. TENTATIVE PLANS ARE TO VISIT THAILAND SEPTEMBER 15-20 AND INDONESIA SEPTEMBER 20-25. PURPOSE IS TO REVIEW US AID AND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, TO LEARN MISSION VIEWS CONCERNING AID PROJECT MIX AND IMPLEMENTATION OUTLOOK. WILL PROVIDE MORE DETAILED INDICATION OF SPECIFIC INTERESTS IN A SUBSEQUENT TELEGRAM.

2. FLIGHT PLANS PRESENTLY AS FOLLOWS: ARRIVE TOKYO JL 744

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1615 SEPTEMBER 20; ARRIVE JAKARTA 2100 SQ 212 SEPTEMBER 20;
DEPART JAKARTA SQ 211 0845 SEPTEMBER 25.

3. FOR BANGKOK: HEGINBOTHAM ESPECIALLY WISHES TO PROGRAM DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY AND AID OFFICIALS, FORD FOUNDATION

REPRESENTATIVE PETER GEITHNER, IBRD REPRESENTATIVE, AND

KNOWLEDGEABLE THAI OFFICIALS (WHILE AVOIDING OVERLOADING THE CURCUIT ON THOSE WHO MAY BEAR AN EXCEPTIONALLY HEAVY BURDEN OF MEETING WITH A SHORT TERM FOREIGN VISITOR) NAMES SUGGESTED INCLUDE DR. SANO AT THE NATIONAL BANK, MESSRS. SANGHA (NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL), SOMSAKDI (IN IDA) AND NARONGHAI. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TALK TO THAI OFFICIALS MOST DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR RTG INVESTMENT POLICY. THESE ARE SUGGESTIVE ONLY AND EMBASSY SHOULD USE ITS DISCRETION IN SELECTION. PLEASE LEAVE PROGRAM TIME FOR POSSIBLE VISIT WITH KERRY ST. JOHNSTON OF PICA, WHO MAY JOIN HEGINBOTHAM IN BANGKOK FOR DISCUSSIONS. (PLEASE PROGRAM CALL ON LOCAL PICA REPRESENTATIVE.) IF POSSIBLE TO ACCOMPANY AID OR EMBASSY OFFICIAL WHO HAD ALREADY PLANNED UP COUNTRY TRAVEL, WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY ON WEEKEND TO SEE AREAS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF BANGKOK.

4. FOR JAKARTA: WOULD APPRECIATE PROGRAMMING OF DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY, AID, FORD FOUNDATION (TED SMITH), IMF AND IBRD REPRESENTATIVES, BILL HOLLINGER, AGRO-ECONOMIC SURVEY IN BOGOR (BILL COLLIER). WOULD ALSO HOPE TO VISIT OR DISCUSS MUCIA AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL PROJECT DIRECTORS. ALSO HOPE TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH ROBERT HAUSER, BANK AMERICA, AND IR. SOEHOED. IF POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETINGS WITH BIROWO AND SALEH AFIF.

5. FOR SINGAPORE: WOULD APPRECIATE IF EMBASSY COULD CONTACT LOCAL OFFICE OF PICA, KERRY ST. JOHNSTON, TO DETERMINEWHETHER HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MEET HEGINBOTHAM IN THAILAND BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 15-20 AS HE RECENTLY OFFERED TO DO. PLEASE ADVISE. CHRISTOPHER

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